

REMARKS

In response to Examiner's request that a species of nitrification inhibitor, i.e., DCD or DCIM, be elected, Applicants hereby elect DCD. The election reads on claims 59-93 and 95-100.

Applicants have amended claims 59, 67 and 85 by deleting reference to reducing "potassium, calcium or magnesium leaching" from independent claims and added new dependent claims 98, 99 and 100 to recite this feature. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification as follows:

The specification provides example results of reduced nitrate leaching (Table 1); increased pasture production (Table 2); and reduced nitrous oxide emissions (Table 3).

Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4 show example results for reduced nitrate leaching (Fig 1), increased pasture yield (Fig 2), reduced nitrous oxide emissions (Fig 4).

Page 9, line 10, states: "the purpose of this invention is to treat the whole area of grazed pasture soil, including urine patch and non-urine patch areas, to reduce nutrient losses from the animal urine and soil, rather than from the fertiliser per se, and also to increase pasture production from both the urine patch and non-urine patch areas in grazed pasture systems".

Applicants have also amended claims 75 and 77 to improve their clarity. The claims recite "urine application" rather than "urine treatment."

Applicants have amended claim 82 to reflect the proper claim dependency.

Applicants have also amended claim 97 to recite "autumn and/or spring."


Applicants previous remarks in their Reply dated December 24, 2009 are equally applicable to the currently pending claims.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #101547.55778US).

Respectfully submitted,

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